

BASE SUPPORT

(Q) What is the plan for providing child care to families who use Family Child Care (FCC) providers, if their FCC providers decide to return to the States, and Child Development Centers (CDC) and School Age Services (SAS) programs are full?

(A) Child and Youth Services continually recruits FCC providers. CYS maintains a survey identifying current FCC providers who may leave and prepares a contingency plan to provide spaces and services to the community. The plan identifies the command's priorities. Some communities can refer parents to local (host nation) facilities.

(Q) Will FCC providers be required to provide the standard two-week notice?

(A) Once providers notify the CYS office of their departure, CYS central registration works directly with parents in order to place them with another provider or at the CDC or SAS if there is space available. The intent is to avoid interruption of services to the parents.

(Q) What is the plan if the FCC provider fails to provide two-week notice to a family? If that happens, will that family be allowed immediate access to SAS or CDC?

(A) CYS will work with the family to avoid interrupted services and will provide alternatives for care based on space and staff availability.

(Q) Is SAS staffed to accommodate all the school-age children in the community, even during the summer?

(A) SAS can accommodate children according to the number of spaces available in a facility and other sites within the community. Each community has a plan for contingencies that identifies the needs of the community in case of emergency. Summer camp programs are available and spaces are available depending on facility size and number of employees.

(Q) Will a Special Power of Attorney be needed to allow children of deployed servicemembers to be enrolled in CYS programs? If so can a POA be kept on file at CDC registration office?

(A) If the parent (sponsor or ID card-holding spouse) enrolls the child, no special POA is needed. A guardian will need a POA to enroll a child. This POA will be kept at the central registration office.

(Q) Will the CDC registration office have a record of what units are deployed, to alleviate problems for families that have PCS orders rescinded due to 'stop movement' actions?

(A) Not necessarily. Children are kept in care until the parent submits a withdrawal notice. The parent can rescind the withdrawal notice with no consequences to their services.